

Warning Sirens To Be Tested Near Gavins Point Dam Monday

CROFTON, Neb. — On April 13 between the hours of 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Cedar County Emergency Management in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and Yankton County Emergency Management will be conducting outdoor warning siren testing near Gavins Point Dam including the tailwaters and Cottonwood campgrounds utilizing a vehicle mounted portable siren.

The purpose of the testing is to determine the best location for placement of outdoor warning sirens near Gavins Point Dam area so as to maximize the area covered by the siren while minimizing the number of sirens needed to provide warning to those in the dam area.

Testing will consist of several long blasts of the siren with each lasting approximately one minute or less.

In light of recent tornadoes in northeast Nebraska, the agencies involved have elected to work together to determine if outdoor warning sirens should be placed in this area, where to place them and how to activate them if they are installed.

If severe weather threatens the area on the test day, the testing will be postponed.

Anyone with questions or concerns may contact Kevin Garvin, Cedar County Emergency Manager, at 402-254-6862 or cedarem@hartel.net/.

Area Writer's Club To Meet Monday

The next meeting of the Yankton Area Writer's Club will be at 7 p.m. Monday, April 13, at the Fry'n Pan, 502 West 21st St, Yankton.

From published authors to hobbyists, from pro to amateur, the Yankton Area Writer's Club is comprised of people in Yankton, South Dakota, and the surrounding area, who have a passion for writing and a desire to help aspiring writers by offering readings, critiques, conferences and monthly lessons.

The club is open to all ages, and there are no dues. The club meets the second Monday of every month (the third Monday if the second falls on a holiday).

For more information, contact Nancy Burk at 605-664-6582 or info@yanktonwriters.com, or visit <http://yankton-writers.com/>.

Registration Is Open For Tour De Oahe

PIERRE — Registration is now open for the fifth annual Wellmark Tour de Oahe on Saturday, June 27, near Pierre. This year features new routes for the medium and long routes, as well as an Exhibition Criterium on Friday evening.

The Wellmark Tour de Oahe offers routes for riders of all abilities and includes a pass across the magnificent Oahe Dam with a panoramic view of the fourth largest reservoir in the U.S. The routes include:

- Short route — Riders can expect a few hills on this 22 mile ride, but will be rewarded with a nice rest at the Capital Lake Visitor Center.
- Medium route — This 41-mile route is designed to challenge those wanting a little bit more effort.
- Long route — The most challenging route at 71 miles contains several Strava segments to test the most determined cyclist. Awards for each female (Queen of the Mountain) and male (King of the Mountain) will be presented following the post-ride lunch.

All events start and finish at the Oahe Marina, located, 5 miles north of Pierre, one-half mile below the Oahe Dam on the west side of the Missouri River. Helmets are required on all rides.

The registration form, Exhibition Criterium information, routes and visitor information are available at www.wellmarktouroahe.com/.

'Tame The Flame' Poster Contest Offered

RAPID CITY — To kick off the South Dakota Wildfire Awareness Month, South Dakota Wildland Fire is calling all kids, ages 3-12, to showcase their artistic abilities in this year's Wildfire Awareness Month Poster Coloring Contest.

This year's entries will reflect the theme: "Tame the Flame." Kids living in South Dakota are eligible to participate. All entries must be postmarked by April 24. Only one entry per child is allowed and submitted posters must be completed by the child with no outside assistance. Each entry must include a completed entry form. Paint, markers, crayons or colored pencils are mediums that may be used.

The contest will have two age brackets with a prize awarded to each group.

- Group 1 (Ages 3-7) — Contestants submit the official "Campfire Dead Out" poster.
- Group 2 (Ages 8-12) — Contestants submit the official "Firefighter and Friends" poster.

A Smokey Bear plush toy will be awarded to the contest winners in each category on or before May 31. Posters will not be returned.

The coloring posters and entry form may be downloaded and printed from the South Dakota Wildfire Awareness Month website at this link: <http://www.sdwildfireawareness.com/#/coloring-contest/cltkc/>.

All submissions must be mailed to: South Dakota Wildland Fire Division, Attn: Cindy Hansen, 3305 W. South St., Rapid City, SD 57702

For more information, contact Cindy Hansen at (605) 393-8011 or email cindy.hansen@state.sd.us/.

AARP Safe Driving Course To Be Offered

An AARP safe driving course will be held at The Center, 900 Whiting Drive, Yankton, on Monday, April 27, running from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Connie Howes at (605) 665-4685 or oa@thecenteryankton.org/.

Fun Camp Slated For L&C Lake Area

There will be a 2015 Fun Camp at the Lewis and Clark Recreation Area in Yankton. Days available are June 2-4, 9-11, 14-16 and 28-30.

It is a free, fun, two-hour event for children ages 4-6 and 7-10.

The 4- to 6-year-old session will be from 9-11 a.m. each day and the 7- to 10-year-old session will be from 1-3 p.m. each day.

Pick one of four three-day sessions which will include exciting and educational games, stories, songs, crafts, nature talks, hikes and hands-on exploration.

For registration and other information, email lewis-clark@state.sd.us or call the Park office at 605-668-2985.

Missouri River

Runoff Forecast Lowered Due To Low Mtn. Snowpack

OMAHA, Neb. — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Missouri River Basin Water Management Division is decreasing the annual runoff forecast for the Missouri River Basin above Sioux City, Iowa, to 20.3 million acre feet (MAF), which is 80 percent of normal and 4.9 MAF less than average. The decreased forecast is due to below normal mountain snowpack and the lack of plains snow in the basin.

"While below normal runoff is expected, the reservoirs are well positioned to meet all of the authorized purposes this year," says Jody Farhat, chief of the Missouri River Basin Water Management Division. "The Missouri River Mainstem Reservoir System is designed and operated to provide the Corps with the necessary flexibility to adjust for varying conditions."

The total volume of water stored in the reservoir system is 57.6 MAF, 1.5 MAF into the 16.3-MAF annual flood control and multiple use zone.

Above normal temperatures coupled with below normal precipitation patterns have stalled mountain snowpack accumulation and melted the plains snow. As of April 1, mountain snowpack was 68 percent of normal in the reach above Fort Peck Dam and 74 percent of normal in the reach between Fort Peck and Garrison dams. Mountain snowpack appears to have peaked nearly a month earlier than normal this year in the reaches above the Fort Peck and Garrison dams. The mountain snowpack typically peaks in mid-April, and runoff from the melt-



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ing snow enters the reservoir system from May through July. View mountain snowpack graphic at <http://www.nwd-mr.usace.army.mil/rcc/reports/snow.pdf>.

In mid-March, Gavins Point Dam releases were increased from 17,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) to approximately 28,000 cfs in support of the navigation season, which began April 1 near St. Louis.

"Flow support for the first half of the navigation season will be full service," said Farhat.

Full service navigation flow support is generally sufficient to provide a 9-foot-deep by 300-foot-wide channel. Flow support for the second half of the navigation season as well as the season length will be determined following the system storage check on July 1.

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Camp Invention Program To Be Offered This Summer

Camp Invention, the nation's premier summer enrichment day camp program that is supported by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the National Inventors Hall of Fame (NIHF), is coming to Mount Marty College

the week of July 27-31. Hosted by Mount Marty College, the weeklong day camp for students entering grades one through six fosters innovation and creativity while also building self-esteem, teamwork, persistence and goal-setting skills.

Selection of the right summer camp for children can be intimidating and overwhelming as the options continue to grow and become more niche. Camp Invention not only encourages inventive young minds through Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in a fun and creative atmosphere, it also incorporates outdoor activities as part of its curriculum.

Camp Invention provides a great opportunity for inventive young minds to exercise their creativity and use their

imagination in ways they don't normally get to — through real-world problem-solving challenges, they build things, take things apart, explore different types of technology and so much more. Many times, the students are having

brilliant minds including experienced educators, Inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame and members of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Illuminate™ will encourage children to explore their inventiveness

in the Design Studio: Illuminate module, investigating circuits and taking on a nature-inspired design challenge. As they dream, build and make discoveries, children will have

a chance to build a prototype from scratch and explore math from a new angle when they create origami flight models during team-building exercises.

The camp director, Dr. Tamara Pease, Assistant Chemistry Professor at the college, will work with a team of local educators to facilitate the program. Camp Invention serves more than 87,000 students every year through more than 1,300 camps across the nation.

For additional information, or to find the nearest location for registration, visit www.campinvention.com

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so much fun, they don't even realize they are learning and developing new skills.

"We are thrilled to be offering Camp Invention to students in our community and developing skills that ensure bright futures for our participants," said Nancy Lenihan, Camp Invention Director in Sumner, Washington, and Highly Capable Student classroom teacher. "We are molding inventors, innovators and entrepreneurs and instilling creative problem-solving, which sets this camp apart from the rest."

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sdjuniorfootball.com

REGISTER IN PERSON

Monday, April 27, 5pm to 7pm

Saturday, May 2, 10am to Noon

Yankton Summit Activities Center

Register by May 2 to avoid a late fee